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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Re:

Petition of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Amendment with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 PSC 2004-00259

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

BellSouth is in receipt of Covad's May 18, 2005 status report. BellSouth submits this letter to make clear its disagreement with Covad's suggestion that this case be held in abeyance pending the outcome of a federal district court case in Louisiana.

While BellSouth is willing to make reasonable accommodations to the Commission and to parties that would facilitate the resolution of disputes and conserve Commission resources, Covad's request does neither. Covad's request would delay this case and allow it to continue to add line sharing arrangements precluded by applicable federal law.

BellSouth is willing to submit further briefs in this docket and believes that the line sharing issue is ripe for a Commission decision. Alternatively, BellSouth is willing to have the Commission address line sharing in Docket No. 2004-00427, so long as its true-up rights are preserved.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Chambers

cc: Parties of Record

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